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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Clerk **South Carolina Public Service Commission** Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Application of Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Inc. for Approval of Water and

Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions

Docket No. 2014-346-WS

Dear Jocelyn:

Attached for filing please find the **Settlement Agreement** ("Settlement") by and among Haig Point Club and Community Association, Inc. ("HPCCA"); Melrose Property Owner's Association, Inc. ("MPOA"); Bloody Point Property Owner's Association ("BPPOA") (collectively the "POAs") and the Office of Regulatory Staff of South Carolina ("ORS").

The POAs are aware of the Commission's Settlement Procedures, and understand that the Settlement is being filed on the day before the hearing in this Docket. However, this Settlement is the result of a great deal of communication and collaboration between the POAs and the ORS, and is being filed at the first possible opportunity following its negotiation and execution.

The revenue reflected in the Settlement reflects all of the adjustments made by the ORS, with the exception that the ORS amended its bad debt methodology to utilize the methodology proposed by Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Inc. (the "Company") in its Application. No other changes were made by ORS in reaching the Settlement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

John J. Pringle

parties of record (via electronic mail service) cc:

#### **BEFORE**

#### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## **DOCKET NO. 2014-346-WS**

## **OCTOBER 27, 2014**

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ΙN	RE:

Application of Daufuskie Island Utility	)	
Company, Incorporated for Approval	)	
of an Increase for Water and Sewer Rates,	)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
Terms and Conditions	)	
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This Settlement Agreement is made by and among Haig Point Club and Community Association, Inc. ("HPCCA"); Melrose Property Owner's Association, Inc. ("MPOA"); Bloody Point Property Owner's Association ("BPPOA") (collectively the "POAs") and the Office of Regulatory Staff of South Carolina ("ORS"), (all hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" or sometimes individually as a "Party").

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2015, DIUC filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") an Application for Approval of an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Services ("Application");

WHEREAS, the Parties to this Settlement Agreement are parties of record in the abovecaptioned docket;

WHEREAS, the other parties in this case, Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Incorporated ("DIUC" or "the Company") and Beach Field Properties, LLC ("Beach Field"), are not signatories to this Settlement Agreement;

WHEREAS, the above-captioned proceeding has been established by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") pursuant to the procedure established in S.C.

Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2014) and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-503, 103-512.4.A, 103-703 and 103-712.4.A;

WHEREAS, as calculated by ORS, the Company provides water supply/distribution services to 680 active residential and commercial service units and wastewater collection/treatment services to 493 active residential and commercial service units, all of which is located on Daufuskie Island, in Beaufort County, South Carolina;

WHEREAS, ORS examined the books and records of the Company relative to the issues raised in the Application and conducted financial, business, and site inspections of DIUC; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have engaged in discussions to determine whether a settlement in this proceeding would be in their best interests and in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby stipulate and agree to the following terms, which, if adopted by the Commission in its Order addressing the merits of this proceeding, will result in rates and charges for water and wastewater service which are adequate, just, reasonable, nondiscriminatory, and supported by the evidence of record of this proceeding, and which will allow the Company the opportunity to earn a reasonable operating margin.

1. The Parties agree to stipulate into the record the pre-filed testimonies and exhibits of the following without objection or cross examination:

#### A. ORS

- 1. Douglas H. Carlisle (direct)
- 2. Ivana C. Gearheart (direct)
- 3. Willie J. Morgan (direct and surrebuttal)

# B. HPCCA, MPOA, and BPPOA

- 1. Lynn M. Lanier (direct)
- 2. Charles Loy (direct and surrebuttal)
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- 3. Paul Vogel (direct)
- 4. Tony Simonelli (direct)
- 5. Doug Egly (direct)
- 6. Harry Jue (direct)
- 2. By and between these Parties, the Parties agree that no other evidence will be offered in the proceeding by the Parties other than the stipulated testimony and exhibits and this Settlement Agreement unless the additional evidence is in support of the Settlement Agreement or to respond to Commission questions. The Parties agree that nothing herein will preclude each party from advancing its respective positions in the event that the Commission does not approve the Settlement Agreement.
- 3. The Parties stipulate and agree to the rate schedule attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Settlement Agreement Exhibit 1. Settlement Agreement Exhibit 2 shows the percentage increase for the rates.
- 4. The Parties agree that the rates in Settlement Agreement Exhibits 1 and 2 along with the adjustments and revenues in Settlement Agreement Exhibits 3, 4 and 5 are fair, just, and reasonable to customers of the Company's system while also providing the opportunity to earn a fair operating margin which produces additional revenues of \$462,798. The Parties stipulate that the resultant operating margin is 16.18% with a return on equity of 9.28%.
- 5. The Parties agree to accept all adjustments and recommendations in ORS's testimony and exhibits, as modified by this Settlement Agreement and its Exhibits.
- 6. The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith with one another in recommending to the Commission that this Settlement Agreement be accepted and approved by the Commission as a fair, reasonable and full resolution of the above-captioned proceeding.

- 7. ORS is charged by law with the duty to represent the public interest of South Carolina pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10(B) (Supp. 2014). S.C. Code § 58-4-10(B)(1) through (3) reads in part as follows:
  - ... 'public interest' means a balancing of the following:
  - (1) concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer;
  - (2) economic development and job attraction and retention in South Carolina; and
  - (3) preservation of the financial integrity of the State's public utilities and continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality utility services.

ORS believes the agreement reached between the Parties serves the public interest as defined above. The terms of this Settlement Agreement balance the concerns of the using public while preserving the financial integrity of the Company. ORS also believes the Settlement Agreement promotes economic development within the State of South Carolina. The Parties stipulate and agree to these findings.

- 8. The Parties agree that by signing this Settlement Agreement, it will not constrain, inhibit or impair in any way their arguments or positions they may choose to make in future Commission proceedings. If the Commission should decline to approve the Settlement Agreement in its entirety, then any Party desiring to do so may withdraw from the Settlement Agreement without penalty.
  - 9. This Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted according to South Carolina law.
- 10. This Settlement Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of each of the signatories hereto and their representatives, predecessors, successors, assigns, agents, shareholders, officers, directors (in their individual and representative capacities), subsidiaries, affiliates, parent corporations, if any, joint ventures, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, and attorneys.

- 11. Each Party acknowledges its consent and agreement to this Settlement Agreement by authorizing its counsel to affix his or her signature to this document where indicated below. Counsel's signature represents his or her representation that his or her client has authorized the execution of this Settlement Agreement. Facsimile signatures and email signatures shall be as effective as original signatures to bind any party. This document may be signed in counterparts, with the various signature pages combined with the body of the document constituting an original and provable copy of this Settlement Agreement.
- 12. The Parties represent that the terms of this Settlement Agreement are based upon full and accurate information known as of the date this Settlement Agreement is executed. If, after execution, either Party is made aware of information that conflicts, nullifies, or is otherwise materially different than that information upon which this Settlement Agreement is based, either Party may withdraw from the Settlement Agreement with written notice to the other Party.

[PARTY SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW ON SEPARATE PAGES]

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# Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Inc. Schedule of Current and Proposed Rates Docket No. 2014-346-WS

		Haig Pt. Settlement <u>Rates</u>	Melrose Settlement <u>Rates</u>
I. Residential Rates			
A. Water:			
1) Tapping Fees & 3/4" Meter Box		\$500.00	\$500.00
2) Base Quarterly Charge		\$80.81	\$105.05
<ol><li>Consumption Charge (per 1,000 gallons)</li></ol>	0 to 22,500 gallons per quarter	\$4.41	\$4.41
	Over 22,500 gallons	\$4.41	\$4.41
B. <u>Sewer:</u>			4
<ol> <li>Tapping Fees &amp; Service Lateral</li> </ol>		\$500.00	\$500.00
2) Base Quarterly Charge		\$143.65	\$105.05
<ol><li>Volumetric Charge (per 1,000 gallons)</li></ol>	0 to 22,500 gallons per quarter	\$2.38	\$2.38
	Over 22,500 gallons	\$2.38	\$2.38
C. Irrigation:		ć500.00	ćr00.00
1) Tapping Fees & 3/4" Meter Box	0 to 19 000 college per guerter	\$500.00 \$4.85	\$500.00 \$4.85
2) Consumption Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 18,000 gallons per quarter 18,001 to 60,000 gallons	\$4.63 \$5.73	\$4.63 \$5.73
	Over 60,000 gallons	\$6.61	\$6.61
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II. Commercial Rates			
A. <u>Water:</u>		4	40=0.00
1) Tapping Fees per Hotel or Inn Room		\$250.00	\$250.00
2) Tapping Fees up to 1-1/2" Meter		\$500.00	\$500.00
3) Tapping Fees 2" or 3" Meter		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
4) Tapping Fees for 6" Meter	_	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Note: Larger meters on a case by case basi	S.		
5) Base Quarterly Charge		\$113.17	\$177.77
6) Consumption Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 22,500 gallons per quarter	\$4.41	\$4.41
	Over 22,500 gallons	\$4.41	\$4.41
B. <u>Sewer:</u>			
<ol> <li>Tapping Fees per Hotel or Inn Room</li> </ol>		\$250.00	\$250.00
<ol><li>Tapping Fees 4" - 8" Sewer Pipe</li></ol>		\$500.00	\$500.00
Base Quarterly Charge		\$231.93	\$177.77
4) Volumetric Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 22,500 gallons per quarter	\$2.38	\$2.38
	Over 22,500 gallons	\$2.38	\$2.38
C. Irrigation:		<b>¢</b> 500.00	¢500.00
1) Tapping Fees & 3/4" Meter Box	0 to 19 000 gallens nor averter	\$500.00	\$500.00 \$4.85
2) Consumption Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 18,000 gallons per quarter	\$4.85 \$5.73	\$4.85 \$5.73
	18,001 to 60,000 gallons Over 60,000 gallons	\$5.73 \$6.61	\$5.75 \$6.61
	Over 60,000 gallons	30.01	<b>70.01</b>

#### III. Availability Rates (Quarterly)

A. <u>Water</u> \$40.40 \$99.38 B. <u>Sewer</u> \$71.83 \$110.72

#### **III. Special Conditions**

A. Tapping Fees:

Haig Point - Capacity in the water and sewer systems has been reserved for purchasers of lots and/or building sites at Haig Point. Tapping Fees must have been paid and water and sewer charges commenced within five years from purchase date.\*
\*This applies to lots purchased prior to date of this order, but not to lots sold after the date of this order. (See Commission Order No. 93-761 in Docket No. 87-333-WS)

Melrose - Capacity in the water and sewer systems has been reserved for purchasers of lots and/or building sites at Haig Point. Tapping Fees must have been paid and water and sewer charges commenced within five years from purchase date.

- B. <u>Backflow Prevention:</u> All irrigation systems and pipes running from potable water lines must have approved backflow prevention devices installed.
- C. <u>System Development Charge:</u> Should new customers or their agent(s) petition to connect to the systems where there are no existing lines, pumps, hydrants, etc.; and should such petitions be approved, the following requirements shall apply:
  - 1. New customers or their agent(s) shall be responsible for the cost of installation of the new water and sewer systems, including points of connection with existing systems and effluent return systems. The Installation shall be according to the requirements and satisfaction to the utility company, and costs shall include observation, testing, and certification services provided by utility company.
  - 2. New customers or their agent(s) who install their systems must pay an amount equal to their share of the net investment in the existing plant and system facilities. This payment, on a cost per gallon of design flow, will be made according to the <a href="System Buy -in Pricing Basis">System Buy -in Pricing Basis</a> (AWWA Manual 26, First Edition), based on the following formula.

a. System Original Cost - Accumulated Depreciation = Net Cost
b. Net Cost - Outstanding Debt = Total Equity\*

<u>Total Equity Investment</u> System Water or Sewer

Flow (Total design gallons per day)

= \$/gallons

<sup>\*</sup>For these calculations, the utility company's annual report to the PSC for the preceding year shall be used. Extra strength wastewaters will be charged accordingly.

#### DAUFUSKIE ISLAND UTILTY COMPANY, INC. 2014-346-WS REVENUE IMPACT ANALYSIS

#### **Calculated DIUC Test Year Revenue Overview**

	Customer Type	Customer Classification	Consumption in Gallons	Usage Charge per 1,000 gallons	Service Units	Base Facility Charge (BFC)	Test Year Calculated Revenues <sup>1</sup>
	Haig Point	3/4" Residential	•	-	1,061	\$62.09	\$65,877
	RESIDENTIAL	0 to 22,500 gallons	8,360,179	\$2.76	i		\$23,074
	WATER	Over 22,500 gallons	3,192,728	\$2.76			\$8,812
	Haig Point				727		
	RESIDENTIAL &	0 to 18,000 gallons	8,367,838	\$2.76	·		\$23,095
	COMMERCIAL	18,001 to 60,000 gallons	9,829,270	\$3.09			\$30,372
	IRRIGATION	Over 60,000 gallons	10,049,342	\$3.50		1	\$35,173
	Melrose	3/4" Residential			452	\$80.72	\$36,485
~	RESIDENTIAL	0 to 22,500 gallons	4,105,940	\$0.00			\$0
ш	WATER	Over 22,500 gallons	2,177,808	\$2.44		<u> </u>	\$5,314
WATER	Melrose	0 - 10 000 !!	1 200 220	63.66	100	ļ.	£2.271
Ø		0 to 18,000 gallons	1,368,330	\$1.66		<del> </del>	\$2,271 \$3,324
2	COMMITTAL	18,001 to 60,000 gallons	2,002,230	\$1.66		<del>                                     </del>	
	IRRIGATION	Over 60,000 gallons	2,986,298	\$1.66	100	tac 03	\$4,957 \$9,215
	Haig Point	Commercial	2 412 100	\$2.76	106	\$86.93	\$6,660
		0 to 22,500 gallons	2,413,190	\$2.76			\$5,886
	WATER Melrose	Over 22,500 gallons Commercial	2,132,690	\$2.70	329	\$136.60	\$44,941
	1	0 to 22,500 gallons	1,752,659	\$0.00	323	\$130.00	\$0
	COMMERCIAL	Over 22,500 gallons	2,544,703	\$2.44			\$6,209
	WATER	Over 22,300 galloris	2,344,703	92.47		+	40,203
		Water Service Total	61,283,205		2,775		\$311,665
		Proter Service rotat	01,203,203		2,773	1	4512,005
		Residential			1,061	\$110.38	\$117,113
	Haig Point	0 to 22,500 gallons	8,360,179	\$1.32		1 1	\$11,035
		Over 22,500 gallons	3,192,728	\$1.32		† · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$4,214
		Residential	3,132,720	72.02	448	\$80.72	\$36,163
	Melrose	0 to 22,500 gallons	3,926,008	\$0.00			\$0
~	RESIDENTIAL SEWER	Over 22,500 gallons	2,296,390	\$1.77			\$4,065
SEWER	Haig Point	Commercial		1	102	\$178.21	\$18,177
>		0 to 22,500 gallons	2,362,530	\$1.32		1	\$3,119
2	SEWER	Over 22,500 gallons	2,132,690	\$1.32			\$2,815
13	Melrose	Commercial			329	\$136.60	\$44,941
•	COMMERCIAL	0 to 22,500 gallons	1,559,487	\$0.00			\$0
	SEWER	Over 22,500 gallons	2,436,565	\$1.77			\$4,313
	1	Sewer Service Total	26,266,577		1,940		\$245,955
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		r and Sewer Service Revenue					\$312,152
		er and Sewer Service Revenue				ļ	\$146,276
	Total Irrigation Service					-	\$99,192
		Water and Sewer Service Revenues			1.017	633.04	\$557,620
	Availability Billing - Ha			ļ	1,917	\$31.04	\$59,504
	Availability Billing - Me				1,617	\$76.36	\$123,474
	Availability Billing - Blo				368	\$76.36	\$28,100 \$105.799
	Availability Billing - Ha			ļ	1,917	\$55.19	\$105,799 \$137,574
	Availability Billing - Melrose (Sewer) 1,617 \$85.08						
	Availability Billing - Bloody Point (Sewer) 368 \$85.08						\$31,309 <b>\$485,760</b>
	Total Availability Billing						\$11,000
	Misc. Other Revenue - Other Revenue						\$11,000
	Misc. Other Revenue - Other Revenue (Return Check Fee) Misc. Other Revenue - Late Fees (Metered Sales)						\$6,058
							\$13,114
		Late Fees (Availability Charges)					\$30,197
	Total Misc. Other Rev	CHUC					450,257
	Total Operating Reve	mues					\$1,073,577

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Deposits and Interest on Deposits are not included in any of the above computations. Consumption and Units reflected as reported during test year.

#### DAUFUSKIE ISLAND UTILTY COMPANY, INC. 2014-346-WS REVENUE IMPACT ANALYSIS

**Calculated DIUC Proposed Revenue Overview at 9.28%** 

	Customer Type	Customer Classification	Consumption in Gallons	Usage Charge per 1,000 gailons	Service Units	Base Facility Charge (BFC)	Calculated Revenues at Proposed Rates <sup>1</sup>	Increase Amount	% Increase
	Haig Point	3/4" Residential			1,061	\$80.81	\$85,739	\$19,862	30.15%
		0 to 22,500 gallons	8,360,179	\$4.41		100.02	\$36,868	\$13,794	59.78%
	1	Over 22,500 gallons	3,192,728	\$4.41		<u> </u>	\$14,080	\$5,268	59.78%
- 1	Haig Point		3,232,720	<b>V</b> 11.12	727		\$0		
		0 to 18,000 gallons	8,367,838	\$4.85			\$40,584	\$17,489	75.73%
		18,001 to 60,000 gallons	9,829,270	\$5.73			\$56,322	\$25,950	85.44%
	IRRIGATION	Over 60,000 gallons	10,049,342	\$6.61		1	\$66,426	\$31,253	88.86%
- 1	Melrose	3/4" Residential	10,0 15,5 12	40.02	452	\$105.05	\$47,483	\$10,998	30.14%
~		0 to 22,500 gallons	4,105,940	\$4.41		4205.05	\$18,107	\$18,107	N/A
WATER		Over 22,500 gallons	2,177,808	\$4.41		<del>                                     </del>	\$9,604	\$4,290	80.73%
	Melrose	0101 22/300 gallolls	2,217,000	<del>*************************************</del>	100	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$0	, ,,==-	
4		0 to 18,000 gallons	1,368,330	\$4.85		1	\$6,636	\$4,365	192.21%
3		18,001 to 60,000 gallons	2,002,230	\$5.73		1	\$11,473	\$8,149	245.16%
5	IRRIGATION	Over 60,000 gallons	2,986,298	\$6.61			\$19,739	\$14,782	298.20%
1	Haig Point	Commercial	-,,	72.00	106	\$113.17	\$11,996	\$2,781	30.18%
	1 7 1	0 to 22,500 gallons	2,413,190	\$4.41			\$10,642	\$3,982	59.79%
		Over 22,500 gallons	2,132,690	\$4.41			\$9,405	\$3,519	59.79%
	Melrose	Commercial			329	\$177.77	\$58,486	\$13,545	30.14%
	1	0 to 22,500 gallons	1,752,659	\$4.41			\$7,729	\$7,729	N/A
		Over 22,500 gallons	2,544,703	\$4.41	···		\$11,222	\$5,013	80.74%
	WATER								
		Water Service Total	61,283,205		2,775		\$522,541	\$210,876	67.66%
		Residential			1,061	\$143.65	\$152,413	\$35,300	30.14%
-	! Hain Point	0 to 22,500 gallons	8,360,179	\$2.38	2,002	<del>  10.00</del>	\$19,897	\$8,862	80.31%
	RESIDENTIAL SEWER	Over 22,500 gallons	3,192,728	\$2.38		<del>                                     </del>	\$7,599	\$3,385	80.33%
		Residential	3,132,720	<b>\$250</b>	448	\$105.05	\$47,062	\$10,899	30.14%
	Melrose	0 to 22,500 gallons	3,926,008	\$2.38			\$9,344	\$9,344	N/A
~	RESIDENTIAL SEWER	Over 22,500 gallons	2,296,390	\$2.38	<del></del>	†	\$5,465	\$1,400	34.44%
SEWER	Haig Point	Commercial		7	102	\$231.93	\$23,657	\$5,480	30.15%
5	COMMERCIAL	0 to 22,500 gallons	2,362,530	\$2.38		<u> </u>	\$5,623	\$2,504	80.28%
2		Over 22,500 gallons	2,132,690	\$2.38		† ·····	\$5,076	\$2,261	80.32%
哭	Melrose	Commercial	_,,		329	\$177.77	\$58,486	\$13,545	30.14%
0,	i I	0 to 22,500 gallons	1,559,487	\$2.38			\$3,712	\$3,712	N/A
	SEWER	Over 22,500 gallons	2,436,565	\$2.38			\$5,799	\$1,486	34.45%
		Sewer Service Total	26,266,577		1,940		\$344,133	\$98,178	39.92%
						-	\$453,661	\$141,509	45.33%
		r and Sewer Service Revenue	······································		ļ	<del> </del>	\$453,661	\$65,557	45.33%
		er and Sewer Service Revenue		-		<del> </del>	\$211,833	\$101,988	102.82%
	Total Irrigation Service				<u> </u>	<del> </del>	\$866,674	\$309.054	55.42%
		Water and Sewer Service Revenues			1,917	\$40.40	\$77,447	\$17,943	30.15%
	Availability Billing - Ha				1,617	\$99.38	\$160,697	\$17,943	30.15%
	Availability Billing - Me		<u> </u>		368	\$99.38	\$36,572	\$8,472	30.15%
	Availability Billing - Blo		***		1,917	\$71.83	\$137,698	\$31,899	30.15%
	Availability Billing - Ha				1,917	\$110.72	\$137,036	\$41,460	30.13%
	Availability Billing - Me		<del></del>		368	\$110.72	\$40,745	\$9,436	30.14%
	Availability Billing - Blo			L		1 #110.72	\$632,193	\$146,433	30.15%
	Total Availability Billing 7,804  Misc. Other Revenue - Other Revenue						\$11,000	\$0	0.00%
		Other Revenue (Return Check Fee)	******		-		\$25	\$0	0.00%
		Late Fees (Metered Sales)					\$9,416	\$3,358	55.43%
		Late Fees (Availability Charges)					\$17,067	\$3,953	30.14%
	Total Misc. Other Rev	2.27					\$37,508	\$7,311	24.21%
	I otal Misc. Other Key	renue					437,300		
	<b>Total Operating Reve</b>	nues		\$1,536,375	\$462,798	43.11%			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Deposits and Interest on Deposits are not included in any of the above computations. Consumption and Units reflected as reported during test year.

# Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Inc. Docket No. 2014-346-WS

# Operating Experience, Rate Base, and Rates of Return For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2014 Combined Operations

<u>Description</u>	(1) Application Per Books	(2) Accounting & Pro Forma Adjustments	(3) After Accounting & Pro Forma Adjustments	(4) Proposed Increase \$	(5)  After Proposed Increase
OPERATING REVENUE Residential revenue Commercial Revenue Irrigation Revenue Availability Billing Misc. Other Revenue	307,239 151,056 98,309 489,665 30,193	4,913 1a (4,780) 1b 883 1c (3,905) 2 4 3	312,152 146,276 99,192 485,760 30,197	141,509 18a 65,557 18b 101,988 18c 146,433 19 7,311 20	453,661 211,833 201,180 632,193 37,508
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	1,076,462	(2,885)	1,073,577	462,798	1,536,375
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES Operation and Maintenance Expenses	848,818	(122,422) 4	726,396	6,194 21	732,590
TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES  Depreciation and Amortization Expense Amortization of Rate Case Expenses Taxes Other than Income Tax Expense Income Tax Expense	73,072 92,420 23,440 0	(122,422) (2,002) 5 (42,308) 6 139,849 7 0 8	726,396 71,070 50,112 163,289 0	0 0 3,964 22 147,179 23	732,590 71,070 50,112 167,253 147,179
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,037,750	(26,883)	1,010,867	157,337	1,168,204
NET OPERATING INCOME	38,712	23,998	62,710	305,461	368,171
Add: Customer Growth	0	286_9	286	939 24	1,225
NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR RETURN	38,712	24,284	62,996	306,400	369,396
ORIGINAL COST RATE BASE: Gross Plant in Service Accumulated Depreciation Construction Work In Progress (CWIP) Contributions in Aid of Construction Accumulated Amortization of CIAC Net Plant	7,964,379 (790,024) 254,853 (660,295) 69,269 6,838,182	(1,624,696) 10 (141,198) 11 (254,853) 12 0 13 213 14 (2,020,534)	6,339,683 (931,222) 0 (660,295) 69,482 4,817,648	0 0 0 0 0	6,339,683 (931,222) 0 (660,295) 69,482 4,817,648
Working Capital Unamortized Balances	75,842 0	69,437 <b>15</b>	145,279 0	0	145,279 0
TOTAL RATE BASE	6,914,024	(1,951,097)	4,962,927	0	4,962,927
RETURN ON RATE BASE	0.56%		1.27%		7.44%
OPERATING MARGIN	-12.90%		-5.38%		16.18%
INTEREST EXPENSE	177,526	(56,759) 17	120,767	0	120,767

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# Operating Experience, Rate Base, and Rates of Return For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2014 Water Operations

<u>Description</u>	(1) Application Per Books	(2) Accounting & Pro Forma Adjustments	(3) After Accounting & Pro Forma Adjustments	(4) Proposed Increase	(5)  After Proposed Increase
OPERATING REVENUE Water Residential Water Commercial	139,071 72,479	491 1a 432 1b	139,562 72,911	72,319 18a 36,569 18b	211,881 109,480
Water Irrigation Availability Billing Misc. Other Revenue	98,309 213,004 20,444	883 1c (1,926) 2 (715) 3	99,192 211,078 19,729	101,988 18c 63,638 19 4,389 20	201,180 274,716 24,118
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	543,307	(835)	542,472	278,903	821,375
WATER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES Operation and Maintenance Expense	469,605	(68,723) 4	400,882	3,733 21	404,615
TOTAL OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	469,605	(68,723)	400,882	3,733	404,615
Depreciation and Amortization Expense Amortization of Rate Case Expenses Taxes Other than Income Tax Expense Income Tax Expense	36,921 46,210 11,748 0	(6,383) 5 (21,154) 6 69,946 7 0 8	30,538 25,056 81,694 0	0 0 2,389 <b>22</b> 87,417 <b>23</b>	30,538 25,056 84,083 87,417
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	564,484	(26,314)	538,170	93,539	631,709
NET OPERATING INCOME	(21,177)	25,479	4,302	185,364	189,666
Add: Customer Growth	0	0 9	0	351 24	351
NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR RETURN	(21,177)	25,479	4,302	185,715	190,017
ORIGINAL COST RATE BASE: Gross Plant in Service Accumulated Depreciation Construction Work In Progress (CWIP) Contributions in Aid of Construction Accumulated Amortization of CIAC Net Plant	3,899,032 (382,950) 29,511 (458,500) 51,580 3,138,673	(1,353,024) 10 (80,727) 11 (29,511) 12 0 13 39 14 (1,463,223)	2,546,008 (463,677) 0 (458,500) 51,619 1,675,450	0 0 0 0 0	2,546,008 (463,677) 0 (458,500) 51,619 1,675,450
Working Capital Unamortized Balances	0	80,176 15 0 16	80,176 0	0 0	80,176
TOTAL RATE BASE	3,138,673	(1,383,047)	1,755,626	0	1,755,626
RETURN ON RATE BASE	-0.67%		0.25%		10.82%
OPERATING MARGIN	-20.24%		-7.08%		17.93%
INTEREST EXPENSE	88,763	(46,042) 17	42,721	0	42,721

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# Operating Experience, Rate Base, and Rates of Return For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2014 Sewer Operations

	(1) Application	(2) Accounting &	(3) After Accounting &	(4)	(5) After
Description	Per Books	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Adjustments	Proposed Increase	Proposed Increase
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
OPERATING REVENUE	160.160	4 400 1	172 500	(0.100 10-	241 700
Sewer Residential Sewer Commercial	168,168 78,577	4,422 1a (5,212) 1b	172,590 73,365	69,190 18a 28,988 18b	241,780 102,353
Sewer Commercial Sewer Irrigation	78,577	(3,212) 1b 0 1c	75,505	0 18c	102,333
Availability Billing	276,661	(1,979) 2	274,682	82,795 19	357,477
Misc. Other Revenue	9,749	719 3	10,468	2,922 20	13,390
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	533,155	(2,050)	531,105	183,895	715,000
SEWER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES					
Operation and Maintenance Expense	379,213	(53,699) 4	325,514	<u>2,461</u> 21	327,975
TOTAL OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	379,213	(53,699)	325,514	2,461	327,975
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	36,151	4,381 5	40,532	0	40,532
Amortization of Rate Case Expenses	46,210	(21,154) 6	25,056	0	25,056
Taxes Other than Income Tax Expense	11,692	69,903 7	81,595	1,575 22	83,170
Income Tax Expense	0	0 8	0	59,762 23	59,762
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	473,266	(569)	472,697	63,798	536,495
NET OPERATING INCOME	59,889	(1,481)	58,408	120,097	178,505
Add: Customer Growth	0	9	286	588 24	874
NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR RETURN	59,889	(1,195)	58,694	120,685	179,379
ORIGINAL COST RATE BASE;					
Gross Plant in Service	4,065,347	(271,672) 10	3,793,675	0	3,793,675
Accumulated Depreciation	(407,074)	(60,471) 11	(467,545)	0	(467,545)
Construction Work In Progress (CWIP)	225,342	(225,342) 12	(201.705)	0 0	0 (201,795)
Contributions in Aid of Construction	(201,795) 17,689	0 <b>13</b> 174 <b>14</b>	(201,795) 17,863	0	17,863
Accumulated Amortization of CIAC Net Plant	3,699,509	(557,311)	3,142,198	0	3,142,198
Working Capital	75,842	(10,739) 15	65,103	0	65,103
Unamortized Balances	0	0 16	0	0	0
TOTAL RATE BASE	3,775,351	(568,050)	3,207,301	0	3,207,301
RETURN ON RATE BASE	1.59%		1.83%		5.59%
OPERATING MARGIN	-5.42%		-3.64%		14.17%
INTEREST EXPENSE	88,763	(10,717) 17	78,046	0	78,046

## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

#### **DOCKET NO. 2014-346-WS**

RE:	)	
Application of Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Inc. for Approval for Water and Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions	)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day the **Settlement Agreement** via electronic mail service as follows:

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